

POPULAR WASHINGTON, DC ATTRACTIONS



ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY: Arlington, Virginia. Open daily October-March from 8am-5pm and April-September from 8am-7pm. Highlights of the Cemetery include Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Custis-Lee Mansion (Arlington House), the graves of Presidents John F. Kennedy and William Howard Taft, and the Challenger Memorial. Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier occurs every hour on the hour during winter months; every half-hour during the summer months. 703.607.8000 or www.arlingtoncemetery.org *Metro Stop: Arlington Cemetery (Tourmobile Sightseeing Transportation available)*

BOTANIC GARDEN: 1st and Maryland Ave., SW. Open daily 10am-5pm. Group tours are available with advance reservations. 202.226.4082 or nationalgarden.org. *Metro Stop: Federal Center SW.*

BUREAU OF ENGRAVING AND PRINTING: 14th and C Streets, SW. Tours are closed on weekends and federal holidays. Ticket booth opens at 8am and during the spring and summer months visitors may begin lining up as early as 6am. Reservations can be made one week in advance. Tour lasts approximately 45 minutes. 202.874.3019 or www.moneyfactory.gov *Metro Stop: Smithsonian*

CAPITAL CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: 800 3rd St., NE. Permanent and rotating "hands-on" exhibits, crafts, and performing groups. Open daily 10am-5pm. Admission fee is \$6, children 2 and under are free. 202.675.4149 or www.ccm.org. *Metro Stop: Union Station*

CHRISTIAN HEURICH HOUSE: 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, NW. Walk-in tours on Thursdays and Fridays at 11:30am and 1:00pm. Saturdays at 11:30am, 1:00pm, and 2:30pm. Wednesday tours available by appointment only. Suggested donation for tours is \$5 per person. 202.429.1894 or <http://brewmasterscastle.com> *Metro Stop: Dupont Circle*

CORCORAN GALLERY OF ART: 17th St. and New York Ave., NW. Open daily (except on Tuesdays and holidays) 10am-5pm. Tours are offered at noon on weekdays, and Saturday and Sunday at 10:30am, 12pm, and 2:30pm., and Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. Tours last approximately 45 minutes. Contributions suggested. 202.639.1700 or www.corcoran.org. *Metro Stop: Farragut West*

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR) MUSEUM: 17th St. and D St., NW. Museum of American decorative arts. Open Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, closed on Sundays. Guided tours of period rooms are available from 10am-2:30pm weekdays. Self-guided tours are available before 10am and after 2:30pm. Free admission. 202.879.3241 or www.dar.org. *Metro Stop: Farragut North or Farragut West*

DC DUCKS: Tours depart from Union Station daily every 30 minutes starting at 9am. For information call 202.966.3825 or www.historictours.com. *Metro Stop: Union Station*

DC VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER: 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, The Ronald Reagan International Trade Center Building, Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20004. Monday- Fridays. 8:30am- 5:30pm, Saturday 9 am- 4pm (Closed Sunday). For more information call 1-866-324-7386 or www.dcvisit.com. *Metro Stop: Federal Triangle*

DECATUR HOUSE: Jackson Place and H Street. A National Trust Historic Site and one of the capital city's few remaining residences from its earliest years. Tours are offered Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-5pm and Sunday from noon to 4pm. 202.842.0920 or www.decatorhouse.org. *Metro Stop: Farragut North or Farragut West*

DUMBARTON OAKS: 1703 32nd Street, NW (One block east of Wisconsin Ave. between R and S Streets in Georgetown). Gardens open daily. April-October: 2pm-6pm; \$5 adult admission, \$3 for children and seniors. November-March: 2pm-5pm; free admission. Museum hours are Tuesday-Sunday 2pm-5pm. Free admission, donations accepted. Guided tours for the museums and gardens are available and must be arranged in advance. Closed on Federal holidays. 202.339.6401 or www.doaks.org *Not Accessible by Metro*

FDR MEMORIAL: South bank of the Tidal Basin near the Jefferson memorial. Open daily 8am to midnight. Closed Dec. 25. For more information call 202. 426. 6841 or www.nps.gov/fdrm *Metro Stop: Smithsonian, Walk along Tidal Basin*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION: *Tours are unavailable indefinitely.*

FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY: 201 E. Capitol St. Shakespeare library, exhibits, and performances. Open Monday-Saturday from 10am-4pm. Closed all federal holidays. Admission is free. Tours of Folger Rooms and Architecture are Monday-Friday at 11am, and Saturdays at 11am and 1pm. 202.544.4600 or www.shakespeare-etc.org. *Metro Stop: Capitol South*

GEORGETOWN: Washington, D.C. located west of Rock Creek Park. Anchored by Georgetown University, this famous area of Washington has great restaurants, shops, and is steeped in history including the Old Stone House, the oldest standing house in Washington. www.georgetowndc.com/index.php *Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom (approx. ½-1 mile walk to Georgetown from Metro)*

HILLWOOD MUSEUM: 4155 Linnean Ave, NW. Open 10am to 5pm Tuesday thru Saturday. Offers a variety of tours and suggests that you call their office to schedule a visit. Reservation Deposits- Adult \$12, Seniors \$10, Students \$7, Children \$5. Groups of 10 or more \$10 per person. 202.686.5807. www.hillwoodmuseum.org. *Metro: Van Ness/UDC*

JEFFERSON MEMORIAL: Located on the south bank of the Tidal Basin. Open 24 hours daily. At the Swan Boathouse you can rent a paddleboat to cruise the basin. For more information call 202.426.6841 or visit www.nps.gov/thje/ *Metro Stop: Smithsonian then cross Tidal Basin on E. Basin Dr, SW*

JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS: New Hampshire Ave. at Rock Creek Parkway, NW. Regular public tours are conducted by The Friends of the Kennedy Center volunteers, from 10am-5pm on Monday-Friday and 10am-1pm on Saturday and Sunday. Visitors should go to the Tour Lounge, Parking Level A. At 6:00pm Daily the Millennium Stage offers a free presentation. 202.416.8340, www.kennedy-center.org, or 1.800.444.1324 for performance tickets. *Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom*

KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL: Independence Ave. and 23rd St., SW. The memorial stands on the south side of the Lincoln Memorial as a tribute to those who served in the Korean War. Open 24 hours daily. www.nps.gov/kwvm *Metro Stop: Smithsonian then follow Independence Ave. until it intersects with 23rd St.*

THE KREEGER MUSEUM: 2401 Foxhall Road, NW. **Closed for month of August.** Tuesday-Friday Reservations required for 10:30am or 1:30pm tour. Saturday open to with optional guided tours at 10:30am, 12 noon, and 2:00pm. Admission- Adults \$10, Students with ID and Seniors \$7. 202.337.3050. www.kreegermuseum.org *Not accessible by Metro*

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: Jefferson Building, 1st St. and Independence Ave., SE. Tours last 45 to 60 minutes and are conducted Monday-Friday at 11:30am, 1:00pm, 2:30pm, and 4pm. 202.707.9779 or www.loc.gov. *Metro Stop: Capitol South*

LINCOLN MEMORIAL: West Potomac Park at the foot of 23rd St., NW. Open 24 hours daily. 202.426.6895 or www.nps.gov/linc *Metro Stop: Smithsonian.*

MOUNT VERNON: Sixteen miles south of Washington, DC at the south end of the George Washington Parkway. Home of George and Martha Washington. Open 365 days a year, April-August from 8am-5pm; March, September, October from 9am-5pm, and November-February 9am-4pm. Admission fees: Adults \$9, Seniors \$8.50, Children 6-11 \$4.50, Children 5 & under free. 703.780.2000 or www.mountvernon.org *Not Accessible by Metro*

NATIONAL AQUARIUM: 14th St. between Constitution Ave. and Pennsylvania Ave., NW. Located in the U.S. Department of Commerce Building. Tanks of fish, frogs, alligators and sharks. Open daily (except December 25) 9am-5pm. Admission is \$3 for adults, free for children under 2. 202.482.2825 or www.nationalaquarium.com *Metro Stop: Federal Triangle*

NATIONAL ARBORETUM: 3501 New York Ave, NE. 444 acres of flowering trees and shrubs. The grounds are open daily from 8am-5pm except December 25. The museums are open from 10am-3:30pm. Free admission. For information on guided tours, call 202.245.2726 or www.ars-grin.gov/na/. *Metro Stop: Stadium/Armory, Transfer to Metrobus Line B2 and get off at R St, proceed 300 yards to entrance gate.*

NATIONAL ARCHIVES: 8th St. and Constitution Ave., NW. See the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution, and other national treasures. Open daily from 10am-5:30pm and 10am-9pm during the summer months. Tours are self-guided. Free admission. 202.501.5205 or www.archives.gov *Metro Stop: Archives.*

NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART: Constitution Ave. between 3rd and 7th Streets, NW. The main building and I.M. Pei's East Building addition house the nation's art treasures and are connected by an underground concourse. The National Gallery encompasses all aspects of the visual arts. Open Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm and Sundays 11am-6pm. Free admission. 202.737.4215 or www.nga.gov. *Metro Stop: Archives/Navy Memorial or Judiciary Square*

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY EXPLORER'S HALL: 17th St. and M St, NW. Features permanent interactive geography and science exhibits as well as changing displays to give visitors opportunities to share in recent archaeological finds, the latest in photography, and expositions of exotic cultures. Free Admission. Open Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm and 10am-5pm on Sunday. 202.857.7588 or www.nationalgeographic.com. *Metro Stop: Farragut North or Farragut West*

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S MEMORIAL: 400 Block of E St. 202.737.3400 or www.nleomf.com *Metro Stop: Archives-Navy Memorial*

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS: Corner of New York Ave. and 13th St., NW. Museum dedicated to celebrating the achievements of women in the visual, performing, and literary arts. Open Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday noon-5pm. 202.783.5000, 1.800.222.7250 or www.nmwa.org. *Metro Stop: Metro Center*

NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM: Corner of 1st St. and Massachusetts Ave, NE. Located on the lower level of the former Washington City Post Office Building on Capitol Hill. Interactive museum of postal history and philately. Museum is open daily from 10am-5:30pm. Free admission. 202.357.2991 or www.postalmuseum.si.edu *Metro Stop: Union Station.*

NATIONAL ZOO: 3000 Connecticut Ave., NW. Several thousand animals, including the treasured giant pandas, in a beautiful 163-acre park. May 1-September 15, grounds open daily 6am-8pm and buildings open from 10am-6pm. September 16-April 30, the grounds are open daily from 6am-6pm, and the buildings are open from 10am-4:30pm. Free admission. The elephant show is at 11:00am daily and the Sea Lion show is at 11:30am daily. 202.673.4800 or www.si.edu. *Metro Stop: Woodley Park-Zoo*

NEWSEUM: 1101 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA. The only interactive museum of news history. Open Tuesday-Sunday 10am-5pm. Free admission. 703.284.3544, 1.888.NEWSEUM, or www.newseum.org. *Metro Stop: Rosslyn Station*

OCTAGON HOUSE: 18th St. and New York Ave., NW. Architectural exhibits. Served as President James Madison's White House following the destruction of the original White House by the British in 1814. The Treaty of Ghent ending the War of 1812 was signed here. Open Tuesday-Sunday 10am-4pm. Tours are given every hour and every half hour. Closed Mondays. Admission is \$3, \$1.50 for students and senior citizens. 202.638.3105 or www.cr.nps.gov/nr/travel/wash/dc22 *Metro Stop: Farragut West.*

PENTAGON: Located in Virginia across the 14th St. Bridge. Open Monday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm. Closed on federal holidays and weekends. All visitors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Visitors over 16 must show a valid photo ID. Tours last 1 hour 15 minutes and start every half-hour by the ticket window at the north end of the concourse, near the Metro entrance. The ticket window opens at 8:45am. Reservations are required for all groups and must be made at least one month in advance. 703.695.1776 or www.defenselink.mil/pup/penagon *Metro Stop: Pentagon.*

PHILLIPS COLLECTION: 1600 21st St. NW. America's first museum of modern art. Showcases Renoir's masterpiece *Luncheon of the Boating Party* as well as other outstanding impressionist and modern masterpieces. Tuesdays through Saturdays 10am to 5pm, Sundays noon to 5pm. Closed Mondays. Weekend admission charge \$6.50 adults, \$3.25 for seniors over 62 and students, no charge for visitors 18 and younger. Weekday admission by contribution. 202.387.2151 or www.phillipscollection.org. *Metro Stop: Dupont Circle*

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION: Hours vary per museum. Closed December 25. Free admission. 202.357.2700 or www.si.edu. For daily recorded activity information: Dial-A-Museum 202.357.2020.

Anacostia Neighborhood Museum: 2405 Martin Luther King Ave, SE. Collection, study, and exhibition of African American history and culture. *Metro Stop: Anacostia, then W1 or W2 Metrobus at Howard Rd.*

Arts & Industries Building: 900 Jefferson Dr., SW. Changing exhibitions and Discovery Theater for children. *Metro Stop: Smithsonian*

The Freer Gallery of Art: Jefferson Dr. at 12th St., SW. Asian and 19th- and early 20th Century American Art. *Metro Stop: Smithsonian*

The Hirshhorn Museum & Sculpture Garden: Independence Ave. & 7th St. SW. Modern and contemporary art. *Metro Stop: L'Enfant Plaza*

National Air & Space Museum: Independence Ave. & 7th St., SW. History, science, and technology of aviation and space flight. *Metro Stop: L'Enfant Plaza*

National Museum of African Art: 950 Independence Ave, SW. Collection, study, and exhibition of African Art. *Metro Stop: Smithsonian*

National Museum of American Art: 8th & F Streets, NW. Painting, sculpture, graphics, folk art, and photography 18th Century to present, special exhibitions of American Art. *Metro Stop: Gallery Place-Chinatown*

National Museum of American History: Constitution Ave. & 14th St., NW. History of science, technology, society, and culture in America. *Metro stop: Smithsonian*

National Museum of Natural History: Constitution Ave. & 10th St., NW. Where natural history lives! *Metro Stop: Smithsonian*

National Portrait Gallery: 8th & F Streets, NW. Portraits of distinguished Americans. *Metro Station: Gallery Place-Chinatown*

Renwick Gallery of the National Museum of American Art: Pennsylvania Ave. at 17th St., NW. Permanent collection and exhibitions of American crafts. *Metro Stop: Farragut West*

SPY MUSEUM: 800 F Street, NW. 10:00am- 8pm April- October. 10am- 6pm November- March. Adults \$16, Children K-12 \$13. Closed December 25. For group discounts call 202.393.7798. For more information visit: www.spymuseum.org *Metro Stop: Gallery Place-Chinatown*

STATE DEPARTMENT: 2201 C Street, NW. Entrance is on 23rd Street. Guided tours are conducted Monday-Friday at 9:30am, 10:30am, and 2:45pm. Tours are 45 minutes in duration. *Reservations are required and should be made approximately **THREE MONTHS** in advance.* 202.647.3241, 202.736.4232, or www.state.gov *Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom*

SUPREME COURT: 1st St. and Maryland Ave., NE. Open Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm, except federal holidays. Public lectures are conducted in the courtroom from 9:30am-3:30pm every hour on the half hour, except when the court is in session. No tours are given during August. 202.479.3030 or www.supremecourtus.gov *Metro Stop: Capitol South or Union Station*

UNION STATION: Massachusetts Ave. and North Capitol St., NE on the Senate side of Capitol Hill. Rail station newly refurbished in turn-of-the-century motif. Amtrak, Metro Stop, buses, taxis, public parking, Tourmobile, Gray Line, and Old Town Trolley Tours. Restaurants, food court, movie theaters, post office, book store, flower shop, and retail stores. Public restrooms, pay phones, and ATM. Open Monday-Saturday from 10am-9pm and Sunday from 12noon-6pm. 202.225.6832 or www.unionstationdc.com *Metro Stop: Union Station.*

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM: 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW (South of the Mall by the Washington Monument). Open daily 10am-5:30pm. Closed Yom Kippur and December 25. Only the permanent exhibition requires a timed entry pass. Passes are free and daily distribution begins at 10am at the pass desk. Advance passes are available through Ticketmaster (for a small handling fee) at 1.800.400.9373 or www.tickets.com. Same day tickets are available in limited quantity on a first come, first served basis. For more information call 202.488.0400 or www.ushmm.org *Metro Stop: Smithsonian*

UNITED STATES NAVAL OBSERVATORY: 34th St. & Massachusetts Ave, NW. A tour of the grounds and the observational equipment is given on Monday evenings, except federal holidays. The gate opens at 8pm. You should consider arriving by 7:30pm to ensure entry as space is limited. The tour begins at 8:30pm lasting approximately 90 minutes. *You will not be permitted to leave the group at any time nor will you be allowed to leave the tour before its completion.* This is the location of the home of the Vice President. 202.762.1467 or www.usno.navy.mil/

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL: Near the Lincoln Memorial at Henry Bacon Drive and Constitution Avenue, NW. Always open. Constructed of black granite to honor all Americans who served in the Vietnam War. As a special tribute to those who did not return, the names of more than 58,000 who gave their lives or who remain missing are inscribed in the Memorial's walls. Open 24 hours daily. www.nps.gov/vive *Metro Stop: Foggy Bottom.*

WASHINGTON MONUMENT: On the Mall at 15th St., NW. Open daily April-Labor Day from 8am-midnight and September-March from 9am-5pm. Tickets required 8am-8pm April-Labor Day and 9am-3pm after Labor Day-March. Tickets available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the booth next to the monument beginning at 8:30am (7:30am during the summer). Free admission. 202.426.6841 or www.nps.gov/wamo *Metro Stop: Smithsonian.*

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL: Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW. Open 10am-5pm. Guided tours are conducted Monday-Saturday 10am-3:15pm and Sunday 12:30pm to 2:45pm. The gardens are open until dusk. 202.537.6207 or www.cathedral.org. *Metro: Tenleytown/AU then take any "30" series bus going South on Wisconsin.*

WHITE HOUSE: *Limited Congressional tours are available, and often book up 6 months in advance.* 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW. Open Tuesday-Saturday. Congressional tour ticket requests are often required up to six months in advance of the visit. 202.456.2200 or www.whitehouse.gov. *Metro Stop: McPherson Square*

WOLF TRAP FARM PARK FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS: Washington/Dulles Toll Road near Vienna, VA. The nation's first National Park for the performing arts. Wolf Trap offers opera, symphonic music, pop concerts, rock, folk, jazz, and ballet. Concerts are given all winter in The Barn. 703.255.1860 or www.wolf-trap.org

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL: 17th Street, between Constitution and Independence Avenues. Always open. www.nps.gov/nwwm *Metro Stop: Smithsonian*